to the shortage of teachers and of proper facilities;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to fill up the vacancies of teachers in Navodaya Vidyalayas and to provide the minimum facilities to these Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In view of the fact that the Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme is at its formative stage, that the Vidyalayas are mostly located in buildings offered by the State/Union Territories Governments temporarily and that the teachers are being recruited initially on deputation basis only, certain shortages in the number of teachers and in the facilities do crop up in a few cases. However, all possible immediate remedial measures are being taken to ensure that the children receive proper education.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Cargo support to the National Liners and Shipping Companies

*50. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for extending 40 per cent of cargo support to the national liners and shipping companies; and

(b) if so, by when this is likely to come into operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. No definite time schedule can, however, be indicated as to when it will come into operation.

National policy on culture

*51. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any proposal from the Asom Sahitya Sabha to evolve a national policy on culture; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Apollo group of hospitals in Delhi

*52. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given permission to the Delhi Administration for promoting a joint venture company with the Apollo Group of Hospitals in Delhi for the setting up of a 600-bedded super-speciality hospital;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government are aware that a large number of private clinics/hospitals have come up during the last few years in Delhi which charge exorbitant sums from patients;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to enforce some laws for regulating such private clinics/hospitals and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what are the details of hospitals proposed to come up in Delhi during the next three years and what are the names of the companies who are promoting them with the details of facilities promised by each of these hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Delhi Administration have promoted a Joint Sector Company, viz. Indraprastha Medical Corporation Limited to establish and run a multi-speciality hospital in the incomplete building situated adjacent to the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi. M/s. Apollo Hospital Enterprises Limited, Madras are the Co-promoters of the Joint Sector Enterprise. The building has been given on lease basis to the Company. The Company will make available 1/3 of the indoor beds (200 out of 600 beds) free of charge to the Delhi Administration which will be available to the public. The nature of facilities to be provided free will include medical, diagnostic and curative care. The Company will also make available 40% of the out patient Department facilities free.

The medical facilities to be established by the Joint Sector Company will include Cardiology and Cardiothoracis surgery, trauma and re-constructive surgery, organ transplant, oncology, neurology and neuro-surgery. The hospital will be equipped with the most advanced state-of-the art diagnostic equipment.

It is estimated that Rs. 30.00 crores will be required for establishing the Hospital, which will be financed by equity and loan capital in the ratio of 1/3:2/3. The Delhi Administration would contribute 26% of the equity and the Apollo Group of Hospitals will contribute 25%, the balance equity capital of 49% will be offered to the general public including non-resident Indians.

Chief Secretary, Delhi Administration, will be the Chairman of the Board of Directors, which will include Secretary (Medical) and Secretary (Finance) Delhi Administration. The Managing Director and 2 other Directors on the Board will be the nominees of the Co-promoter.

(c) to (e) It is true that the large number of private clinics and hospitals have been established in Delhi during the last few years. The Delhi Nursing Homes Registraion Act, 1953 and the rules framed thereunder provide for registration and also prescribes standards to be maintained in regard to buildings, water supply, equipment and other related facilities. The Delhi Administration are reviewing the existing legislation with a view to make it more effective.

Indraprastha Medical Corporation Limited is the only Company which is promoting a Hospital in the joint pleased to state:

Inadequate passenger facilities

*53. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to instal close circuit TV sets at all the stations in the country;

(b) whether in view of inadequate passenger amenities and facilities provided in numerous other trains, Government would reconsider the proposal and instead provide basic facilities in passenger trains throughout the country;

(c) whether the specially created Directorate of Passenger Amenities has formulated any plan to know the grievances of the travelling public and to set up a machinery for the redressal of their complaints; and

(d) what are the railways offering in terms of facilities on railway plat-